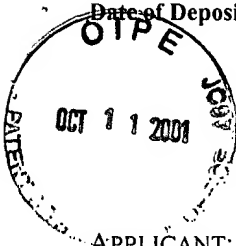


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TRANSMITTAL

In response to the Office Communication, dated September 17, 2001, in the above-identified patent application, attached please find:

- ☒ Supplemental Response (3 pages); and
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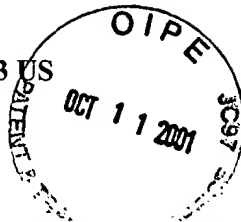
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Communication, dated September 17, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. This Supplemental Response is due on or before October 17, 2001, without extension.

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REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that the Response filed on July 9, 2001, was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action, dated, April 9, 2001, because the amendment to claim 8 in the previously filed Response was considered to have substantially broadened its scope. The Examiner instructed the Applicant to point out the specific distinctions believed to render amended claim 8 patentable over the prior art of record. In response, Applicant points out these distinctions in the paragraphs that follow.

In the previous Office Action, the Examiner cited U.S. Patent No. 3,416,445, issued to Krueger, Jr. (hereafter, "Krueger") and U.S. Patent No. 5,979,312, issued to Williams (hereafter, "Williams"), in making rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. As noted